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SUBJECT: AND STILL MORE ELECTORAL GIFTS

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1. SINCE REPORTING THE DELUGE OF ELECTORAL CONCESSIONS AND BENEFITS IN REFTEL ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, WE OBSERVE THAT THE FLOOD CONTINUES UNABATED. THE STATE GOVTS OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, HARYAYA, U.P; MADHYA PRADESH, MANIPUR, PUNJAB AND RAJASTHAN ARE INCREASING THE COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES FOR VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF THEIR EMPLOYEES AND WAGES FOR A VARIETY OF WORKERS. THE ANNUAL BONUS FOR STEEL WORKERS IN ORISSA AND BIHAR AND CEMENT WORKERS IN U.P. HAS ALSO BEEN INCREASED. BIHAR CANCELED ITS AGRICULTURAL INCOME TAX, AND ORISSA EXTENDED THE PAYMENT DEADLINES FOR CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL LOANS. U.P. RAISED THE SALARY LIMIT FOR ITS ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A HOUSING ALLOWANCE. MANY OTHER BENEFITS, TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION, FOR SPECIFIC GROUPS IN ANDHRA PRADESH, HARYANA, BIHAR, RAJASTHAN, DELHI, PUNJAB, U.P. AND MANIPUR HAVE ALSO BEEN ANNOUNCED.

2. THUS FAR THE GOI HAS DECLINED TO INCREASE THE COST OF
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LIVING ALLOWANCES FOR ITS 3 MILLION EMPLOYEES. FINANCE MINISTER C. SUBRAMANIAM ON MARCH 2 REPORTEDLY SAID THAT AN INCREASE WAS NOT POSSIBLE, BUT A FINANCE MINISTRY SPOKESMAN THE FOLLOWING DAY DENIED THAT THE MINISTER HAD SAID AN INCREASE WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED.

3. OUR SOURCES ARE OF MIXED VIEWS CONCERNING THE POLITICAL EFFECT

OF THESE ELECTORAL GIFTS, WHICH WE EXPECT TO CONTINUE BETWEEN NOW
AND ELECTION DAY. SOME ARGUE THAT THOSE BENEFITED WILL
REWARD THE CONGRESS WITH THEIR VOTES, WHILE OTHER REASON
THAT THE VOTERS ARE NOT SO EASILY BOUGHT.
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